

**THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the pitched roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members, the guardrail system comprising:  
a plurality of end post supports each

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a U-shaped body having a first segment for removably fastening to an end of a respective pitched roof member and having a second segment extending outwardly from the respective pitched roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape,

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a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body, and

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a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of each end post support; and

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rail members connected between adjacent posts.

2. A guardrail system according to Claim 1 wherein the first segment of said U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

3. A guardrail system according to Claim 1 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

5 a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

4. A guardrail system according to Claim 3 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member

connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

5. A guardrail system according to Claim 1 further comprising a kick member bracket carried by the upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

6. A guardrail system according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a plurality of gable post supports, each comprising a body having a first end for removably  
5 fastening to a pitched roof member along a gable portion thereof, and a post receiver carried by said body;

a respective post carried by the post receiver of each gable post support; and  
10 rail members connected between adjacent posts.

7. A guardrail system according to Claim 6 wherein said body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an elongate gable member extending outwardly from said  
5 gable plate.

8. A guardrail system according to Claim 7 wherein said post receiver is selectively positionable along said elongate gable member.

9. A guardrail system according to Claim 6 wherein each gable post support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the  
5 pitched roof.

10. A guardrail system according to Claim 9 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and  
a stabilizer receiver connected to said body

5 for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

11. A guardrail system according to Claim 10 further comprising a transverse stabilizer member connected to an end of said elongate stabilizer member.

12. An end post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the end post support comprising:

5 a U-shaped body having a first segment for removably fastening to an end of a roof member of the pitched roof, and having a second segment extending outwardly from the roof member with a gap therebetween defined by the U-shape;

10 a post receiver connected to an upper end of the second segment of said U-shaped body; and

a stabilizer carried by said U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

13. An end post support according to Claim 12 wherein the first segment of said U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

14. An end post support according to Claim 12 wherein said stabilizer comprises:

an elongate stabilizer member; and

5 a stabilizer receiver connected to said U-shaped body for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer member therein.

15. A gable post support for a guardrail system for a pitched roof of a building, the gable post support comprising:

5 a body having a first end for removably fastening to a pitched roof member of the pitched roof along a gable portion thereof;

a post receiver carried by said body; and  
a stabilizer carried by a second end of the  
body for extending against an adjacent wall portion  
10 below the pitched roof.

16. A gable post support according to Claim  
15 wherein said body comprises a gable plate to be  
removably connected to the pitched roof member, and an  
elongate gable member extending outwardly from said  
5 gable plate.

17. A gable post support according to Claim  
16 wherein said post receiver is selectively  
positionable along said elongate gable member.

18. A gable post support according to Claim  
15 wherein said stabilizer comprises:  
an elongate stabilizer member; and  
a stabilizer receiver connected to said body  
5 'for adjustably receiving said elongate stabilizer  
member therein.

19. A method of installing a guardrail  
system on a pitched roof of a building, the pitched  
roof comprising a plurality of pitched roof members,  
the method comprising:  
5 connecting a plurality of end post supports  
to ends of respective pitched roof members, each end  
post support comprising  
a U-shaped body having a first segment  
for removably fastening to the end of the  
10 respective pitched roof member and having a second  
segment extending outwardly from the respective  
pitched roof member with a gap therebetween  
defined by the U-shape,  
a post receiver connected to an upper  
15 end of the second segment of the U-shaped body,  
and

a stabilizer carried by the U-shaped body for extending against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof;

20           connecting a respective post to the post receiver of each end post support; and  
            connecting rail members between adjacent posts.

20. A method according to Claim 19 wherein the first segment of the U-shaped body has a plurality of openings therein to receive respective removable fasteners.

21. A method according to Claim 19 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver  
5   connected to the U-shaped body.

22. A method according to Claim 21 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

23. A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting a kick member bracket to the upper end of the second segment of the U-shaped body for receiving a kick member therein.

24. A method according to Claim 19 further comprising removably fastening a plurality of gable post supports to the pitched roof members along a gable portion thereof.

25. A method according to Claim 24 wherein each of the plurality of gable post supports comprises:  
            a body having a first end for removably fastening to roof members along a gable portion  
5   thereof; and  
            a post receiver carried by the body.

26. A method according to Claim 25 wherein the body comprises a gable plate to be removably connected to the roof member; and further comprising extending an elongate gable member outwardly from the gable plate.

27. A method according to Claim 26 further comprising selectively positioning the post receiver along the elongate gable member.

28. A method according to Claim 25 wherein each gable post support further comprises a stabilizer carried by a second end of the body; and further comprising extending the stabilizer against an adjacent wall portion below the pitched roof.

29. A method according to Claim 28 wherein the stabilizer comprises an elongate stabilizer member; and further comprising adjustably receiving the elongate stabilizer member in a stabilizer receiver connected to the body.

30. A method according to Claim 29 further comprising connecting a transverse stabilizer member to an end of the elongate stabilizer member.

31. A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end post supports to ends of the pitched roof members while at ground level.

32. A method according to Claim 19 further comprising connecting the plurality of end post supports to ends of the pitched roof members from an elevated platform.

33. A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member while at

ground level.

34. A method according to Claim 24 further comprising removably fastening the plurality of gable posts supports to the pitched roof member from an elevated platform.